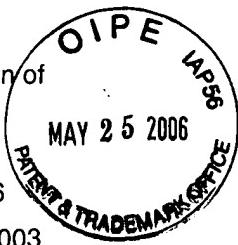


## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**RESPONSE UNDER RULE 116  
EXPEDITED HANDLING PROCEDURES**

In re Patent Application of  
**SAITO et al**  
 Serial No. 10/697,696  
 Filed: October 31, 2003  
 Title: EXHAUST GAS CLEANING SYSTEM HAVING PARTICULATE FILTER



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 Examiner: T. Nguyen  
 Date: May 25, 2006

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**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

 **Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.****Fees are attached as calculated below:**

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| Total effective claims after amendment | 15 | minus highest number |                                |
| previously paid for                    | 20 | (at least 20) =      | 0 x \$50.00                    |
|  |    |                      | \$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$ |

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| Independent claims after amendment | 2 | minus highest number |                                |
| previously paid for                | 3 | (at least 3) =       | 0 x \$200.00                   |
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If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, (ignore improper); add  
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| Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add | \$130.00 (1814)/ \$65.00 (2814) \$ |
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Applicant claims "small entity" status.     Statement filed herewith

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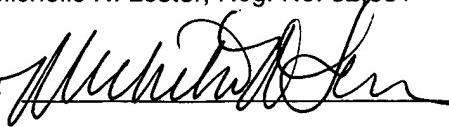
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Responsive to the Official Action dated March 31, 2006, kindly enter the following remarks.